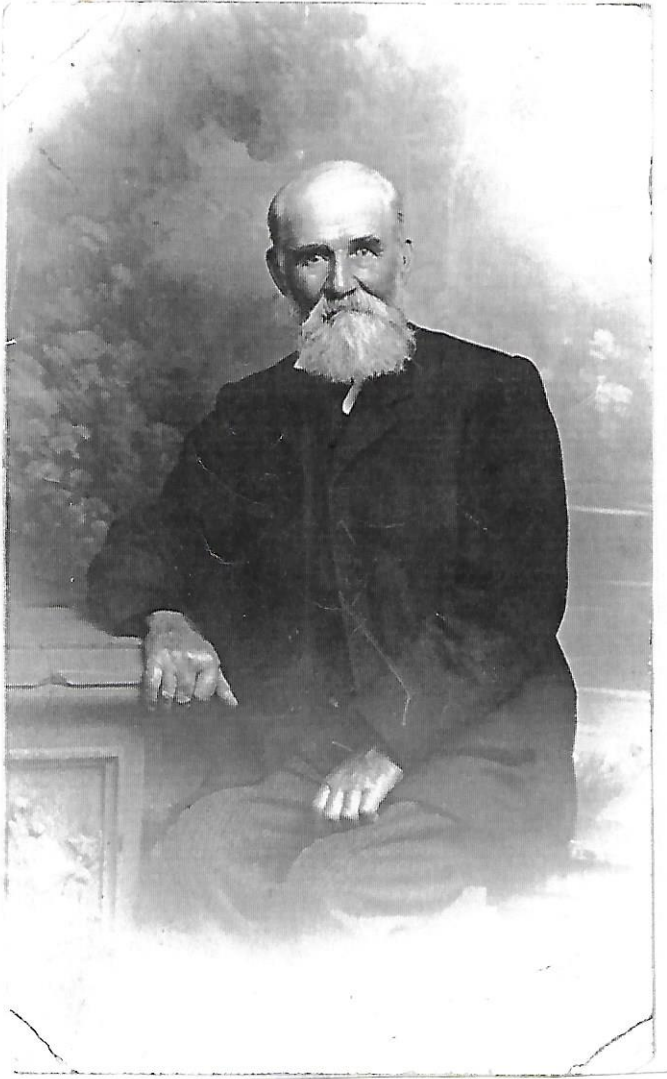


GENTENARY OF ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

4. 12. 1894 - FIRST MEETING HELD IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHAIRED BY MR. J.M. PLACE.
7 COUNCILLORS ELECTED IN OPEN MEETING AND THIS REMAINED PROCEDURE UNTIL 1948
WHEN SECRET BALLOTS HELD

CHAIRMEN OF ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL 1894 - 1994



J. LEONARD 1894 - 1904
and 1907 - 1919. (22 yrs.)

D. SUMMERS 1904 - 1906 (2 yrs)

F. PITTS 1906 - 1907 (1 yr.)

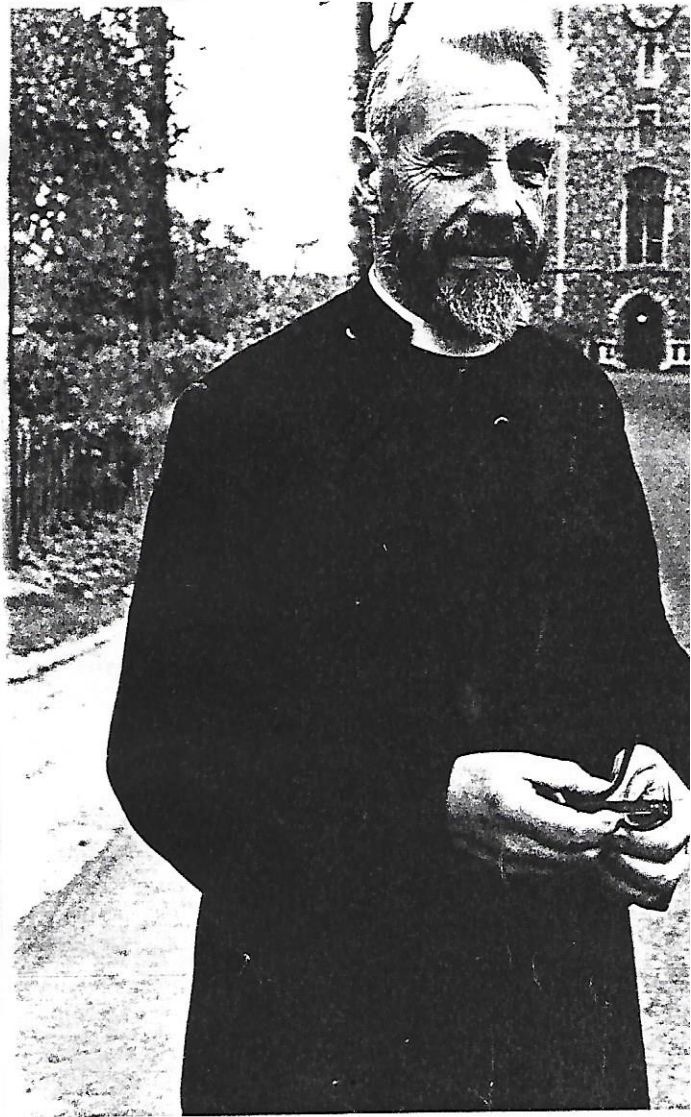


This photo of a former and much respected Rector of Eriswell, the Reverend Edgar William Cockell, M.A., was taken in 1916, two years after outbreak of World War I. He became Rector in 1901, and remained for 38 years, dying at the age of 79 years, and was buried in Eriswell Churchyard on 25th May, 1939, a few months before World War II. began. Many people will remember the happy days spent with him and his children in the old Elizabethan Rectory, Little Eriswell. His son, Mr. Bransby Cockell, a friend to all in the village, lives in Bury St. Edmunds and was for many years County Welfare Officer. He was also present at the Institution and Induction of the present Rector, when he acted as a sidesman. W.D.

Rev. E. COCKELL, 1919 - 1939. 20 yrs.



MR. W. LOCK 1939 - 1950 and
1951 - 1971 (31 yrs)



THE REV. R. WALLS 1950-1951 (1 yr.)



MR. B. LAMBERT 1971 - 1978
(7 yrs.)



MR. J. LAWSON 1978-1990
(12 yrs.)



MR. P. BLAKEY 1990 -
(4 yrs)

1994

LIST OF PAST AND PRESENT PARISH COUNCILLORS

J. LEONARD*	J. GATHERCOLE	J. HANSLIP	G. LAWRENCE
G. WATSON	J. MANNING	H. MIZEN	A. MARTIN
A. HURRELL	B. RUDLAND	G. WARE	B. HANSLIP
E. JEFFERIES	L. TAYLOR	E. LAWRENCE	D. SUMMERS*
H. BAKER	J. WATSON	W. LINNEY	G. MENDHAM
F. PITTS*	P. SHINN	R. HEFFER	REV. E. COCKELL*
F. AYERS	J. ROLPH	W. BAKER	A. BENSTEAD
W. LOCK*	J. DRING	P. HEAYWARD	C. LOCK
J. SALE	W. POPE	J. MORLEY	H. WRIGHT
A. COE	A. BAILEY	R. HANSLIP(1930)	E. LINNEY
H. BAKER (Jun)	A. AVES (Jun)	C. FROSTICK	W. ADDISON
B. LAMBERT*	REV. J. MUNDAY	G. BAILEY	W. JAGGARD
F. WARBY	REV. R. WALLS*	MRS. S. BRUNNING ⁺⁺	R. LEECH
O. KING	MRS. P. BRUNNING ⁺⁺	MISS P. WHITCOMBE	J. LAWSON ⁺⁺
P. BLAKEY ⁺⁺	M. FLACK ⁺⁺	J. BUTLER	J. ROSNER
MRS. S. HASTE	MR. K. TUFFS ⁺⁺	MR. P. GARROD ⁺⁺	

NOTES:-

MR. R. HANSLIP went on the Parish Council in 1930 and still lives in the village in 1994

MRS. S. BRUNNING became the first woman member of the Council in 1966. (Only 4 women in 100 years)

⁺⁺ The people who are on the Parish Council in 1994.

* The past Chairmen of the Council, plus the present holder of that Office.

Jobs of Eriswell's first Councillors:- J. LEONARD - Shopkeeper. J. GATHERCOLE - Cordwainer, J. HANSLIP - Cordwainer, G. LAWRENCE - Publican and Farmer, G. WATSON - Stockman, J. MANNING - Tailor, H. MIZEN - Warrener.

Present day Councillors' occupations - P. BLAKEY - Farms' Manager, J. LAWSON - Retired, K. TUFFS - Farm Worker, P. GARROD - Farm Worker, M. FLACK - Factory Worker, MRS. S. BRUNNING - Retired, MRS. P. BRUNNING - Care Assistant.

BUSINESS OF ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Much of early business related to role as Overseers of Parish property and this remains so until 1950's.

STREET LIGHTING

- 15.01.1897 Street lighting mooted.....Why?and How?
1934 Electricity came to Eriswell
1944 First street light requested outside Reading Room
1965 Street lighting scheme completed.
1992 All lights converted to Photo Electric Cell control.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- 1939/45 Strenuous efforts to obtain Air-raid shelter in school playground not rewarded
1966 Closure of Village school mooted. In spite of strong objections finally closed in 1971.
1966 Very flourishing Youth Club received grant of £50
1970's to 1990's Grant now paid to Suffolk Association of Youth
1971 Children's Play area provided on Playingfield with swings and slide from Village school
1973 New equipment purchased
1993 Equipment provided for young children in the total sum of £5200.



Official Opening 26th June 1993

Adults Lto R Mrs. F. Thomason, Mrs. W. Bishop, Mr. W. Bishop, Mr. F. Thomason
Mr. P. Blakey, Rev. D. Gardner and Mr. L. Ford.
Children Claire Hunt, Sam Gardner, Nigel King, Gary King, A.
Katie Brunning, Ben Gardner, Jonathan Webb.

FIRSTS

Gary King provided the I.T. link-up to help Mrs. P. Brunning submit an excellent contribution to the Forest Heath 22 Village Heritage Millenium Project.

2004 - Eriswell Parish Council purchased a wreath for the Chairman to lay at the Elveden Estate Remembrance Sunday Service at Elveden War Memorial.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A vast number of planning applications received in respect of works on RAF Lakenheath, representing upgrading of facilities on the Base.

2003 - a Certificate of Lawfulness granted by the Forest Heath District Council having the effect of freeing the 580 houses off Earlsfield for occupation by non-Americans.

2004 - No observations made on proposal to replace all the existing Ministry of Defence housing on RAF Lakenheath with 606 new dwellings.

BOUNDARY REVIEW

2003 - Eriswell left Icen and joined Beck Row and West Row in a new Ward entitled Eriswell and The Rows. (Forest Heath District Council).

2005 - Eriswell will leave Icknield and join with The Rows in the current Rowheath Ward (County Council)

Speeding

1995/96 - 40mph speed limit amended to 30mph.

1999 - 30mph speed limit extended to beyond Sparks Farm Corner.

Add Improvements

In response to considerably increased no. of vehicle movements the following improvement schemes have been carried out:-

1994/5 - A11/B1112 Junction
- A1065/B1112 Junction

1996 - B1112/C602 Junction

1999 - A1065 - Extension of 40mph speed limit, acceleration and deceleration lanes and traffic lights to regulate movements in and out of Gate 1 RAF Lakenheath.

Add RAF Lakenheath

2000 - After repeated requests, surveys and meetings still no Noise Insulation Scheme for Eriswell even though it is acknowledged that aircraft do fly over the village.

However, the attendance of Squadron Leader Paul Seymour the RAF Commander at RAF Lakenheath at Parish Council meetings since 1999 has been welcomed.

Miscellaneous

1973 - 2000 - 'Plant a Tree' Scheme still in operation.

1996 - The Parish Council contributed a floral display to the Eriswell Festival.

Commemorations

1995 - VE/VJ Celebrations - Contributed £100 towards Commemorative Gates for the Churchyard Extension - a further £100 donated by the Forest Heath District Council.

2000 - Millenium first aired in March, 1996. In July 1997 an Open Meeting called and as a result of this the following were put in hand:-

Parish Church Floodlighting - in the event the PCC received a 45% grant from the Lottery Commission - Parish Council met the balance of £962 over three years.

Village Sign - design based on parishioners views chosen by secret ballot on 11th September, 1999; the Parish Council have earmarked £500.

At the instigation of the Open Meeting and with the Parish Council's backing, Mr. P. Blakey and Mr. Alan Benton (local historian) applied for and received a Millenium Award in the sum of £4750 to produce a video tracing the origins and history of Eriswell through Saxon, Tudor and Elizabethan times to the present day - the video to be for the benefit of all members of the community of Eriswell.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 1904 First report of missing rails on footbridge over Lode - Footpath No. 2
- 1907 Another dilapidated bridge - arguments with Mildenhall over ownership - resulted in a delay of 24 years before repaired in 1931
- 1945 Unsafe again

Same old story several times since then



Footpath and footbridge inspection in 1971 by Mrs. P. Brunning, Mr. P. Blakey and Mr. J. Lawso

FOOTWAYS

- 28.08.1908 First request to County Council for footway between Sparks Farm Corner and Lakenheath boundary - declined.
- 1955 Request renewed - and do on... still not completed - but
- 1991 Two-thirds done. i.e. 83 YEARS LATER!

HIGHWAYS

Church Corner

- 1910 Requested motor warning sign under 1903 Motor Car Act at Church Corner - Not agreed by County Council because "Not dangerous enough"
- 1926 County Council said still insufficient traffic for Warning Sign
- 1934 First remedial action - White line followed in
- 1948 By Cats Eyes
- 1957 NO to Warning Sign
- 1994 Still a problem - last car to go through wall did so on 7th June, 1994 just missing War Memorial surround fence which had just been repaired following damage in January, 1994.

Speeding

- 1953 First reported case of speeding. Speed limit requested
- 1986 'Drive Carefully' signs obtained
- 1994 20 years of resolutions and letter writing resulted in 40mph speed limit being in position.